



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 544

LCO No. 2054

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT HEALTH QUALITY COUNCIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to establish a Connecticut
- 2 Health Quality Council. The council shall consist of members
- 3 appointed by the Governor and the leaders of the General Assembly,
- 4 and shall be comprised of consumers and representatives of health
- 5 insurance organizations, hospitals and providers. Council members
- 6 shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority for a term of
- 7 three years or until a successor is appointed. The purposes of the
- 8 council shall include, but not be limited to, the following objectives: (1)
- 9 To monitor existing clinical standards of health care and research and
- 10 develop new clinical standards of health care; (2) to research and
- 11 evaluate drug prescribing practices, prescription drug use and existing
- 12 processes for the review and approval of prescription drugs; (3) to
- 13 assess the effectiveness of new and existing health technologies; (4) to
- 14 promote the improvement of quality health care through training and
- 15 education; (5) to develop and implement training and education
- 16 programs and activities to promote improvement in the quality of
- 17 health care; (6) to promote research and education that will lead to

18 improvement in the quality of health care; (7) to monitor and assess the
19 quality of health services available in Connecticut; (8) to investigate or
20 study matters referred to the council by the Governor and the General
21 Assembly; and (9) to make recommendations to the Governor and the
22 General Assembly.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve health care quality for state residents.